

Maragon stronger sportwise this year

Ruimsig — It's halfway through the year and sport at Maragon has gone from strength to strength.

Cricket:

The cricket at Maragon has been very successful. The team falls under the Central West Region and plays against schools like Noordheuwel, Florida, Bastion and Roodepoort, to name a few. Four players were selected to represent the region at the Gauteng Festival in 2010. Shadyne Soogreem went on to be selected for the Gauteng U/17 team, and was also chosen to attend the South African U/19 training squad in July.

Netball:

Maragon takes part in the Regional Super League, playing schools like Florida, Linden, Randburg, Trinity, Roodepoort and President. Three players were selected for the Gauteng squads, and a further six players represented D12. Their U/18 B-team was undefeated in 2011.

Rugby:

Maragon has experienced an outstanding season with the U/15, U/16 and first teams qualifying for the Lions semifinals. Five players were selected to represent the Lions in the different National Youth Weeks. 13 players from Maragon represented the West Rand teams.

Swimming:

Since Maragon entered the swimming league, they have managed to be promoted to a new level every year. They are currently swimming in division one against schools like Bryanston, St Peter's, Northcliff and Trinity, to name a few. Chanel Johnston has recently been selected as part of the SA training squad for the 2012 Olympics. They have five swimmers currently at level three, with another 25 at level one and two.

Hockey:

The boys' teams have done superbly in the 2011 season, with both the U/15 and first teams winning their league against schools like Randburg, Hoërskool Florida and Linden. The U/15 team also managed to end fourth in the Boden section, which is a remarkable achievement. Altogether 12 boys represented Maragon at D12 level in 2011, and a further four at Southern Gauteng. The U/14 girl's team was undefeated this year. Two players were selected for the Southern Gauteng teams, and three represented Maragon at district level.

Athletics:

Maragon competes in both track and field events in term one and three. Term one is assigned to those top achievers scoring well on the ABSA table and wanting to explore further provincial and/or national opportunities. In contrast, the term three athletics are only track events against other English schools, where there is more emphasis on teams, rather than individuals.



A different view of Maragon's spring garden at Garden Worlds Miracles of Spring. Picture submitted.

Maragon Pre-School wins gardening competition

Ruimsig — Garden World held its annual gardening competition for schools and landscapers during the month of July.

Maragon Pre-School was invited to enter this exciting event.

"We had to design a garden according to the Garden World theme *Miracles of Spring*. Our spring palette came to life with the help from staff planting flowers, shrubs and trees," said Belinda [Name], marketing manager of Maragon.

The pre-school children made insects, bird nests, bird feeders and puppets, which added a personal touch to the school's creation.

During the prestigious prize-giving ceremony, Maragon Pre-School's garden was announced as the winners in the school category.

Their garden received compliments for originality, creativity and making a child-centred garden.

Maragon is now the proud owner of a beautiful trophy and certificate to display at the school.

Maragon's spring garden that saw them walk away with the first prize. Picture submitted.

